



I enjoyed my two weeks off driving around Yellowstone Park and visiting family and friends. My time away gave me the opportunity to reflect on the great team I am privileged to lead, and the incredible community we get to serve. There is so much to be done and gained in our jobs and I hope all of you find the energy to be enthusiastic public servants. We had a challenging week with the Navy fire, and the Governor's

pull back on the reopening efforts. "Sailing the 7Cs" can be challenging at times, and challenges are much easier if our values serve as a compass and our strategic plan is our map. These values and goals give us the purpose and direction we need to get where we are going. I shared a quote with the executive team this week from Eleanor Roosevelt that reads: "To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart". During these challenging times, these are words to live by.

City Facility Reopenings

I want to thank everyone for the hard work that allowed us to partially reopen some city facilities, most notably city hall. In my observations this week, the system is working well and is prioritizing the health and safety of our employees and customers. If there are any suggestions or concerns please communicate them with my office and we will address them. We will continue to make improvements necessary that allow us to serve our purpose and stay safe. We will also continue to consider teleworking accommodations where justified. Please work through your supervisor and let us know what your needs are.

July Legislative Recess

We are in the middle of our break from City Council meetings and I hope everyone is finding some time to catch up or take time off. Staff reports are due next week for the August 4 City Council meeting so please restart the routine that we are used to. This is now "election season" and be aware of the rules and regulations that apply to public employees regarding elections. No campaigning or political activities are allowed during work time or around public facilities. If you need further clarification on any of this the City Clerk is available.

Together We Can! - Fire Suppression Division

On Sunday, July 9, National City Fire Department Truck 34, Engine 34 and Battalion 57 responded to a mutual aid request from the Federal Fire Department. When crews arrived they found the U.S.S. Bonhomme Richard with heavy smoke and fire coming from several decks. The Truck 34 crew, who consisted of Captain Sammy Mendoza, Engineer Derek LaFreniere and Firefighters Mike Mejia and Dan McGuire, were assigned to interior firefighting operations during the incident. Captain Jeremy Day,

Engineer Chris Goodrich and Firefighter Kevin Hamel supported the incident and helped to evacuate firefighters, and retrieve hose lines, as the firefight changed from an offensive interior attack to defensive firefighting operations. Battalion Chief Brian Krepps supported the Operations Chief with crew accountability and organizing crew rotations for the interior firefighting operations. We would like to recognize the outstanding effort of our National City firefighters who put themselves in harm's way during a very dynamic and hazardous situation. Thankfully we were notified by the Navy that the fire has now been fully extinguished.



July Birthdays

34 employees are celebrating birthdays this month! Although we're unable to physically gather and celebrate those employees I hope they enjoy a special day with their family and find a fun way to have a good time. I encourage you all to take a moment and reach out to your coworkers to wish them a happy birthday. Click on this [link](#) for a list of the July birthdays.